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specialized training of any kind. He urges that everyone can and should work out a philosophy of life and society for himself. Then on the basis of having read a few books, mostly on biology and evolution, eked out with a history of the sciences and some encyclopaedia articles, he shows by example how to work out your life-philosophy. He cites, with criticism, Darwin, Spencer, Huxley, etc., but with complete approval *The Great Work, Miracles and Modern Spiritualism*, by Alfred R. Wallace, *The Evolution of Love* and *Harmonics of Evolution* by Florence Huntley. Thus mixing without discrimination science and pseudo-science, practically ignoring the literature of psychology and philosophy, he goes on his way rejoicing.

A few ideas picked up apparently from Ward's *Dynamic Sociology* and *Outlines of Sociology* guide him to a fairly satisfactory result under the circumstances. The author evidently felt the need of new ethical standards and rushed in to supply it forthwith.

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The Growth of English Industry and Commerce During the Early and Middle Ages. By B. W. CUNNINGHAM, D.D. Cambridge: University Press.

The fourth edition, carefully revised, of this valuable work of Dr. Cunningham testifies to its increasing usefulness. It is to be hoped that we shall soon have as thorough a work on American economic development.

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The World's Peoples: A Popular Account of Their Bodily and Mental Characters, Beliefs, Traditions, Political and Social Institutions. By A. H. KEANE, LL.D., F.R.A.I. New York: Putnam, 1908. Pp. viii+434. With 270 illustrations reproduced from original photographs.

The scope of Dr. Keane's latest work is sufficiently indicated by the title. He has managed the matter of illustrations admirably. No book in English of anything like the scope can compare with it on this score.

A book of this general character should precede or accompany the study of history, politics, and sociology in the schools. This volume is not itself so well adapted to school use as Professor Keane's *Ethnology* or his *Man, Past and Present*, but it is admirably adapted to the intelligent public.

The problem of space has made it necessary to neglect some aspects of the life of the different groups of mankind. The formal descriptions, the enumeration of peoples, and the geographical relations are well done, but social and mental questions are not so well handled.

It is interesting to note that the author, while "eschewing debatable questions," such as the origin of exogamy, group marriage, and magical practice, expresses himself without hesitation on such questions as "the cradle of the human race," and "the original home of the white man." These and some like questions are regarded as also debatable by many ethnologists, but they are among the questions on which Dr. Keane has made up his mind.

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The Kindergarten in American Education. By NINA C. VANDEWALKER, Director of the Kindergarten Training Department, State Normal School, Milwaukee. New York: Macmillan.

It is generally acknowledged that the kindergarten is in a transitional stage, in America at any rate. This is not to be wondered at, since our entire educational system is in a state of flux; and it is probable that the kindergarten is not changing more vitally in its philosophy and methods than is the elementary or the high school. Indeed, the kindergarten has resisted quite effectually the forces in American education which have unsettled the foundations of the traditional educational structure. Nowhere in the whole world has there been such searching criticism of educational theory and practice as there has been in our country the last fifteen years or so; and while the kindergartners have come in for their full share of this criticism, yet they have been remarkably steadfast in their loyalty to their institution as it has come down to them from its founder. No body of teachers in this country, either in our own day or in the past, have been so devoted to a man and his gospel